Fake IT Companies

†4926. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there are more than 800 fake IT companies which are operating in the country at present;

(b) if so, whether government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action being taken by Government to protect the investors?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) The Government has not received any complaint or information in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Self-sufficiency for semi-conductors in electronics industry

4927. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the existing annual demand of semiconductors used in electronics industry and the extent to which it is met by imports;

(b) the efforts made by government so far to develop and produce semiconductor devices and the result achieved stating whether self-sufficiency in this field has been achieved; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove the constraints, if any, in the development of such devices for commercial production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The existing annual demand of semiconductors used in electronics industry is estimated at about Rs. 2900 crores. About 90% of the demand is met by imports.

The Semiconductor area is characterized by a broad range of technologies, diversity of products, high entry costs and rapid obsolescence of technologies. Even developed countries like USA and Japan are not self-sufficient in this area. Government's role in this sector, thus, has been towards improving the environment for attracting investments covering delicensing of this sector,

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